

Clinical or Community Partnerships

Austin Community College ADN

Seton Partnership, Austin, TX

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- Flexible instructional spaces equipped with multimedia technology
- Simulation labs to support interdisciplinary team training
- Medium to high-fidelity interactive mannequins that provide learners with a safe error forgiving environment to practice interdisciplinary team approaches to patient care.
- Debriefing rooms to support the simulation labs
- Skills labs for learners to practice nursing skills in a real life hospital setting
- Computer lab and learning resource area

Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership: unsure

Grant monies used: no

Expected benefits from partnership:

- increase in the number of graduates from the ADN program addressing the nursing shortage in the Central Texas area
- implement long term solutions to address nursing faculty shortage

Challenges from partnership: none listed

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Seton/St. David's Joint Partnerships, Austin, TX

The purpose of the partnership with Seton and St. David's is to address the ongoing need for nurses in Austin. The hospitals are contributing funding for three full-time faculty and an administrative assistant. ACC will take over these positions over a period of time and increase enrollment to 240 students by 2009.

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Partnerships with Other Nursing Programs

University of Texas at Austin BSN

Austin Community College

The articulation plan allows students who have successfully completed the ADN program at Austin Community College to enter the ADN-BSN program at The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing. Course descriptions have been evaluated and a cross-walk for transfer of credit has been established. This articulation agreement allows students in the ACC ADN program to plan for completing their BSN degree at UT Austin with minimal delays between degrees. A streamlined degree plan has been established that will allow participants to complete their degree in twelve calendar months (two long semesters and one summer). Prior to this articulation, all ADN-BSN applicants were required to pass a mobility exam to earn credit for nursing courses. This articulation agreement removes this requirement, thus removing one more barrier to ADN nurses obtaining their BSN degree. In addition to mapping the route between ADN and BSN degrees, this program provides participants with the opportunity to explore opportunities available to them in graduate school. Participants are encouraged to study and sit for the Graduate Records Exam (GRE) and are mentored in applying for graduate school, either at The University of Texas at Austin or elsewhere while they are in the program.

Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership:

initial costs to design the articulation were absorbed by the UT School of Nursing and as the program expands future funding will be sought

Grant monies used: no

Expected benefits from partnership:

- increased number of ADN nurses who complete their degree in BSN program
- increased number of BSN prepared nurses available to work in Seton and other Central Texas hospitals
- potential for increased number of nurses entering graduate programs
- potential for increased number of nurses prepared to teach in undergraduate programs

Challenges from partnership:

- allowing release time for nurses to return to school for BSN
- barriers to motivation for nurses to return to school (e.g., lack of recognition of nurses who do return to school)

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